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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of )  
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Friends for Harry Reid and ) MUR 4941  
Clifford R. Beadle, as treasurer )

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I. ACTIONS RECOMMENDED

Accept the attached, signed counterproposed conciliation agreement in which the above-captioned Respondents admit a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A); take no further action against Respondents with regard to the Commission's reason to believe findings that they violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(b)(1) and (c)(3), 434(b)(3)(A) and (E), 434(b)(2)(G), and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.8(a), 104.3(a)(3)(vii)(B) and 104.8(a); and close the file.

II. BACKGROUND

On October 29, 1999, the Commission found reason to believe that Friends for Harry Reid and its treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(b)(1) and (c)(3), 434(b)(3)(A) and (E), 434(b)(2)(G), and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.8(a), 104.3(a)(3)(vii)(B) and 104.8(a), because it then appeared that a candidate loan had not been timely filed in the 12 Day Pre-General Report, and that accurate information about the date of the loan check had not been obtained or reported. See First General Counsel's Report dated October 22, 1999 (for RAD Referral 99L-09). Subsequently, this Office engaged in informal discovery. Based on the information gathered during informal discovery, see General Counsel's Report #2 dated March 24, 2000, on April 4, 2000, the Commission found reason to believe that Friends for Harry Reid and Clifford R.

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Beadle, as treasurer ("Respondents"),<sup>1</sup> violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A) for failing to properly disclose a candidate loan totaling \$100,000 in a 48 Hour Notice. The Commission simultaneously determined to offer to enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with the Respondents and approved a conciliation agreement

### III. DISCUSSION

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<sup>1</sup> Clifford R. Beadle became treasurer for Friends for Harry Reid on December 20, 1999, subsequent to the Commission's October 29, 1999 reason to believe findings.

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**IV. RECOMMENDATIONS**


1. Accept the attached, signed counterproposed conciliation agreement in which Friends for Harry Reid and Clifford R. Beadle, as treasurer, admit a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A).

2. Take no further action against Friends for Harry Reid and its treasurer, with regard to the Commission's reason to believe findings that they violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(b)(1) and (c)(3), 434(b)(3)(A) and (E), 434(b)(2)(G), and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.8(a), 104.3(a)(3)(vii)(B) and 104.8(a).
3. Close the file.
4. Approve the appropriate letter.

Lawrence M. Noble  
General Counsel

7/6/00  
Date

BY:

  
Lois G. Lerner  
Associate General Counsel

Attachments

1. Counterproposed Conciliation Agreement
2. Copy of civil penalty check

Staff Assigned: Jim Moye

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# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of the Commission Secretary

FROM: Office of General Counsel

DATE: July 7, 2000

SUBJECT: MUR 4941- General Counsel's Report #3

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